

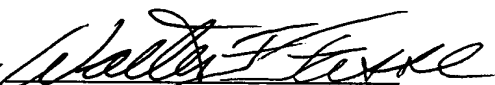
REMARKS:

- 1) The present amendments at pages 3 to 5 of the "Background Information" section of the specification aim to more-accurately describe the subject matter of the prior art represented by the Airbus A340 aircraft and the DC-9 and DC-10 aircraft. These amendments do not introduce any new matter, because they merely correct or clarify the discussion of the actual prior art represented by the identified existing aircraft.
- 2) The amendment at page 18 of the specification deletes a feature or aspect that is not to be pursued or is not intended as a feature or aspect of the claimed invention. This deletion does not introduce any new matter.
- 3) Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.
- 4) Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application, including all present claims 1 to 28, are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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